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SUBJ: (C) DIALOGUE ON AFGHANISTAN

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2. DURING OCT 23 MEETING WITH SAUDI MFA AHAZ AFFAIRS DIRECTOR ISMA'IL ALSHURA, POL OFFICER DELIVERED A NON-PAPER DRAWN FROM REFEELS OUTLINING US VIEWS OF INTERNAL SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN AND CURRENT STATUS OF SOVIET-AFGHANISTAN RELATIONS. AL-SHURA THANKED US FOR THIS INFO. HE REITERATED SAG'S CONCERN AT DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN AND SAID HIS GOVT BENEFITED GREATLY FROM ON-GOING DIALOGUE WITH US ON THIS QUESTION.

3. ASKED FOR SAG'S COMMENTS ON SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN, AL-SHURA REVIEWED SAUDI ARABIA'S PAST EFFORTS AT BRINGING ABOUT SOME KIND OF UNITY BETWEEN TWO OF RESISTANCE FACTIONS LED BY SEBAGYTTALAH MOJEDIDI AND SYED AHMAD GAILANI. HE SAID SAG INITIALLY HAD WITHHELD FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BOTH OF THESE GROUPS IN HOPE THAT THEY COULD THEREBY BE PUSHED INTO SOME KIND OF COMMON FRONT ARRANGEMENT. RECENTLY, HOWEVER, SAG ALTERED ITS VIEW. ALTHOUGH AL-SHURA WAS CAREFUL TO QUANTIFY SAUDI ARABIA'S ASSISTANCE AS "VERY MODEST", HE SAID SAG HAD NOW DECIDED THAT ANTI-CRA RESISTANCE EFFORT HAD TO BE SUPPORTED, EVEN IF GAILANI AND MOJEDIDI AND OTHERS COULD NOT COME TO TERMS. (ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT RULE OUT PROBABILITY SAG WOULD KEEP TRYING.) AL-SHURA SAID SAG'S OBJECTIVE WAS TO HELP KEEP WATERS STIRRED AND TO PREVENT WEAKENED KHALQI REGIME FROM REGAINING ITS BALANCE. PLACKE

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